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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the IT Media Lab and Entrepreneurship Center Build-out Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Oasis International, located at 600 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907.

The funding would be used to build out Oasis International's IT/Media Lab and Entrepreneurship Center and office space. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enable the organization's staff and volunteers to expand its community programming. Oasis has a strong track record of keeping youth away from gang violence and substance use by providing participants with afterschool and weekend support in STEM education, language, arts, and writing. Expanded programming, made possible through building infrastructure upgrades, will improve individual outcomes for community members while promoting economic development.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

David N. Cicilline

Member of Congress

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